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INVESTMENT FOR R&D IN HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether enough investment has not been made in the area of research and development in the health sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there exists no national policy regarding priorities;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has taken appropriate steps in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): The National Health Policy, 2002 indicates that expenditure on research is low. In order to give an impetus in medical and health research activities in the country, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has a proposal for creation of a new Department on Health Research.

A draft National Health Research Policy (NHRP) has been prepared by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The Policy has been circulated to concerned scientific and medical institution for consideration.